



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT ♦ ST. NICHOLAS
DECEMBER 6, 2014

JESUS proved Himself to be the promised Saviour by His miracles of mercy and His preaching to the poor. In keeping with such a ministry to the least of humanity, John the Baptist, the immediate messenger of Jesus lived a life of simplicity and penance.

Jesus came to teach and sanctify all, of every class and nation. We are all His. There are no frontiers to charity. Our hearts must embrace the world.

PRELUDE **Improvisation on Merton** Charles Callahan
 ASPERGES ME *(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)* plainsong
 INTROIT (**KNEEL**) *Populus Sion* Isa. 30:30; Ps. 79:2
(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)
 KYRIE (**KNEEL**) **Missa Marialis** Gregorian plainsong
 COLLECTS (**STAND**)
THE EPISTLE (SIT) Romans 15:4-13
Living our brotherhood in Christ without reservations or discrimination, all for the glory of the Father, is the great hope for peace among all and for joy in our Faith.
 GRADUAL Ps. 49:2-3, 5
 ALLELUIA Ps. 121:1
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND) Matt. 11:2-10
Jesus healed many bodies. But He came primarily to heal by sharing His divine life. We prepare for His healing by prayer and penance and charity.
 SERMON (**SIT**) Rt. Rev'd Msgr. John A. Mangels
 NICENE CREED (**SIT**) plainsong
 OFFERTORY VERSE (**STAND**) Ps. 24:1-3
 SERMON (**SIT**) Msgr. John Mangels
 NICENE CREED (**STAND**) plainsong
 OFFERTORY VERSE (**STAND**) Ps. 84:7-8
 HYMN *St. Stephen* Hymnal No. 11
 SECRET COLLECTS
 SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF ADVENT (**STAND**)
 SANCTUS (**KNEEL**) plainsong
 THE CANON OF THE MASS (**KNEEL**) Missal pg. 35

HYMN (**STAND**) *Stuttgart* Hymnal No. 1
 SECRET COLLECTS
 SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF ADVENT (**STAND**)
 SANCTUS (**KNEEL**) plainsong
 THE CANON OF THE MASS (**KNEEL**) Missal pg. 35
 THE LORD'S PRAYER (**STAND**) plainsong
 AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL**) plainsong
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION Missal pg. 50a
 COMMUNION ANTHEM *Rorate caeli desuper* chant
 COMMUNION VERSE Bar. 5:5; 4:36

Following the reception of Holy Communion, it is proper to return to your pew, kneel, and make your **Thanksgiving after Communion**, (*Missal pg. 51 or St. Ambrose Prayer Book pg. 177*) If you have not received Holy Communion, you should make a "**Spiritual Communion**" (*St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 187*). This is far more spiritually beneficial and preferable to "people-watching."

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (**STAND**)
 DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (**KNEEL**)
 LAST GOSPEL (**STAND**) John 1:1-14
 HYMN *Winchester New* Hymnal No. 10
 POSTLUDE "**Saviour of the Nations come**" Charles Callahan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. There are Service books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may **only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to come forward at Communion for a blessing and the *pain benit*—blessed bread. Please fill out one of the "visitor cards" found in the pew racks and take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (*downstairs*).

Orthodox Christians **must be prepared** for Holy Communion through Sacramental Confession, fasting, prayer, and being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (*frequency established by his Pastor*), have abstained from food and drink from Midnight and have attended Mass regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Communion.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: the repose of the soul of John Price IV, Larissa Spencer, the victims, survivors and families of the shooting in San Bernardino, Kim Peoria, Charlie Hester, Charles Rubey, Victoria & John Lopp, Megan Hines, the special intentions of Alexandra Eddy, Margaret Lyman, Don Clair, Lily Calderon, the Setah family in Syria, Charles Moffett, Abraham Martinez, Lisa and Chris, Neville Gaggiani, Phyllis Roberts, Bob Hester, Ray Rendoff, Jacob Kakish, Mary Ann Kristoff, Sue Stanko, Robert Phillips, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Randy Ortega, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Patty Ann Zubricky, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Corinne Fierkens, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, Patty Rendoff, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week to God's honour and glory and for Ray Rendoff (birthday - December 12) A gift from Patty Rendoff.

Think About It: Prayer for others, made gently and with deep love, is selfless and has great spiritual benefit. **St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia** (+1991)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Here are some important upcoming events at St. Augustine's Parish. Please mark your calendars.

- **"Who is the real Jesus"** workshop by Fr. Bundy Saturday, Dec. 12 from 2-4pm
- **DECORATING OF THE CHURCH:** Sunday, Dec. 20 after Coffee Hour
- **Christmas Schedule:** Thursday, Dec. 24 at 11:30 pm; the choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at midnight. Low Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am.

Who is the Real Jesus?—Saturday, December 12

Our Adult Education Series, sponsored by the ST. AUGUSTINE ACADEMY, will have the first session on **Saturday, December 12 from 2-4 pm.** Come and hear this timely presentation by Fr. Les Bundy! In the early Christian era, a number of non-Christian groups, such as the Gnostics and the Manicheans claimed Jesus as their own prophet. During the first three hundred years several things were written claiming to teach the "real" teaching of Jesus. These heretical writings pictured a very different Jesus from the Christ of the New Testament. The heretical sects were prevalent in the area around Mecca when Islam was founded. The Koran has several references to Jesus and his Holy Mother. But are they a true picture of Jesus and Mary? Find out what the Koran has to say about Jesus and the Blessed Virgin.

Fr. Les Bundy, Professor Emeritus, Department of Religious Studies Regis University.

!!WE HAVE A NEW BABY!!

Congratulations to Keela and Nathan Ainsworth on the birth of their firstborn son, PETER AUGUSTINE AINSWORTH! He was born on Friday morning and all are doing well!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

The envelopes for Christmas flowers and decorations are on the table in the Narthex. Please indicate if you would like the flowers as a memorial or gift. Thank you for your generosity.

FALL FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Fall Food Drive. It runs through the end of the year.

Think about it: "You Have the Rite to Remain Silent" - Discovering Silence in Praying the Mass...in a world where we each have more email, voicemail, texts, meetings, and Skype-chats than we could possibly digest in a lifetime, the ancient form of the Liturgy of the Mass offers a complete contemplative oasis. *You have the right to be silent when you pray.*

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS PROGRAM

Monsignor Mangels has announced the program for the Midnight Mass at St. Augustine's on Thursday, **December 24 beginning at 11:30pm.**

THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS will present Healy Willan's *THE MYSTERY OF BETHLEHEM* and for the Midnight Mass, the choir and orchestra will present the perennial favorite Franz Schubert's *MASS IN G*. Incidental music will include: Adolphe Adam's Christmas Anthem *O HOLY NIGHT* in the splendid W. W. Gilchrist arrangement. The hauntingly beautiful *AVE MARIA* by Franz Biebl will be heard at Communion with familiar carols with the congregation throughout the Mass.

CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRAL SPONSORSHIP

The funding of special music for the Great Feast Days (and many of the "extras" here at St. Augustine's) **does not come from** Parish funds. It is provided by **special offerings from the friends and benefactors of this parish.** Over the years, parishioners have asked if they could be of help in this endeavor and we have happily received their free will offerings. To be an orchestral sponsor, there are several categories: **Archangel:** \$2500.00, **Seraphim:** 500.00, **Angels:** 250.00, **Cherubim:** 100.00, **Gifts:** any amount. If you would like to contribute, please earmark your donation: Christmas Music. Thank you!

CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2016

We received the Church Calendars this week and they are in the bookstore. There are two sizes: large and extra large! The large size is \$10.00 and the extra large is \$12.00. Know when the great Feasts and Fasts of the Church occur ahead of time so you can plan accordingly.

*His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah
of Denver*

Cordially invites you to attend

A Pre-Christmas Open House

at the

Greek Orthodox Metropolis Center

Friday, December 11, 2015

5pm to 9pm

4500 East Alameda Avenue

Denver, CO

The Church Father Speak: So let us approach sinners with love. And if in the end we do not succeed in bringing them close and fully to the path of God, let us even then not cease praying for them. Perhaps our fervent prayer will be listened to by our compassionate God and He will grant to them the regeneration of their soul. **St. Raphael of Lesvos** (+1463)



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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, December 7

St. Ambrose of Milan, BCD

Mass 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 8

Conception of the B.V.M.

Mass 7:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 9

within octave of Conception

Mass 7:00pm

abstinence

Thursday, Dec. 10

St. Melchiades, PM

Friday, Dec. 11

St. Damausus, PC

abstinence

Saturday, Dec. 12

within octave of Conception

Mass 10:00am

Sunday, Dec. 6

Gaudete Sunday

High Mass 10:00am

CONFESSIONS: *The Sacrament of Confession is available after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*